

STAFFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

Agenda Consideration

TOPIC: Mountain View High School
Instructional Program

ITEM NO: 13B

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MEETING: December 14, 2004

ACTION DATE: December 14, 2004

ACTION REQUESTED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT: That the Stafford County School Board approve the proposed instructional program for Mountain View High School.

KEY POINTS: Mountain View High School proposes to make application to offer the International Baccalaureate Diploma (IB diploma) to its students. Mountain View High School further proposes to adopt a block schedule as its organizational model for daily instruction.

1. Offering an International Baccalaureate program is an additional way to provide acceleration alternatives to meet student needs.
2. Dr. Stemple continues to gather information regarding potential program options.
3. School year 2005-2006 would be spent preparing to offer an IB diploma with year one implementation during school year 2006-2007. When fully implemented, grades 9 and 10 would be designated "pre-IB" programs, while grades 11 and 12 would be "IB" programs.
4. If authorized to offer IB, MVHS students would be eligible to earn an IB Diploma in 2007-2008. In order to earn an IB diploma, students earn 24 points through a rigorous assessment process, complete the extended essay, complete a Theory of Knowledge course, and fulfill 150 hours of service.
5. If MVHS is permitted to adopt a block schedule, students would be able to earn between 28 and 32 credits. Our current schedule permits 28 credits. Block scheduling allows for instant remediation/intervention for those students not successful in coursework while providing for on-time graduation.
6. MVHS students wishing to enroll in Career and Technical Education Programs or the Commonwealth Governor's School could be accommodated as these programs currently follow a block schedule.

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7. Annual costs for school participation in the IB program are:

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| a. | Annual membership: | \$8180.00 |
| c. | Offset of IB Test Fees | 2400.00 |
| | (to make equivalent to student AP Fees) | |
| | Total: | \$10,580.00 |

Annual per pupil allocation (estimated at 800 IB students): \$13.22/IB student

Total school per pupil allocation (1750 students): \$50.00 base + 6.04 IB = \$56.04

SCHOOL BOARD GOALS: **#1** - Provide educational excellence through instruction that establishes high expectations for *all* students yet recognizes the unique needs of each learner.

FUNDING SOURCE: School Site Allocation FY 06

AUTHORIZATION REFERENCE: local